

Claims

1. A composition comprising a pharmaceutically acceptable gel containing an antimicrobial agent used for catheter protection
2. A composition as claimed in claim 1 wherein said gel is thixotropic
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3. A composition as in claim 1 and claim 2 wherein said gel is a hydrogel
4. A composition as in any one of claims 1 to 3 wherein said gel is a microgel
- 10 5. A composition as in claim 1 to 4 wherein the antimicrobial agent is taurolidine, taurultam or a mixture thereof
6. A composition as claimed in claims 1 to 5 wherein said gel also contains an medically acceptable anticoagulant agent
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7. A composition as claimed in any of the claims of 1 to 6 wherein said composition contains salicylic acid or one of its salts.
8. A composition as claimed in any of the preceding claims wherein said gel can be
20 injected into an indwelling catheter and said gel can be withdrawn from a catheter using conventional medical syringes.
9. A locking agent for an indwelling catheter that is composed of a thixotropic gel or a
25 colloidal fluid that is retained in the catheter with minimal loss during instillation and/or the duration between uses of the catheter and can be instilled and withdrawn using a syringe
10. A catheter lock solution according to claim 9 in which the agent is albumin.